SECOND DAY—*Saturday, 4th October 1930.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

MR. NARAYANA GOWDA (Hoskote Taluk) was duly sworn in.

Before the business on the agenda was taken up, THE LAW SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT explained to the House that the present system of disbursing travelling and daily allowances to members of the Assembly involved a certain amount of avoidable inconvenience as well as some risk to the office and that, if the members had no objection, the system of issuing cheques on convenient treasuries or banks would be adopted hereafter. After discussion of the *pros* and *cons* of the matter, it was agreed that the present system might continue.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Contd.*)

MR. A. KENCHAPPA (Arsikere Municipality).—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the full power generated at Sivasamudram is being used up?

(*b*) Is it true that power supplied to Kolar Gold Fields is being reduced consequent on the reduction of work at the Fields?

(*c*) If so, can the power thus set free be utilised for other purposes?

(*d*) Can power be supplied to taluk headquarter towns in the Hassan District where there are Railway stations?

(*e*) If so, is it possible to supply power to Arsikere Town?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—5. (*a*) Much of the power generable will be taken up when the electrification of all the towns and villages for which estimates have already been sanctioned by Government and under disposal is taken up and completed within the next year or two.

(*b*) No.
(*c*) *Vide* reply to (*a*) above.
(*d*) and (*e*) The question of electrification of Hassan as one of the centres of power supply is included in the proposal for supplying power for the Bhadravati Iron Works.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is it not true that the quantity of electric power produced at Sivasamudram is far in excess of actual requirements?

Second Member of Council.—

It may be that the power produced is somewhat in excess but there is reason to expect that very soon there will be demand for all the power available.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Has it been realised that the VII Installation was an unnecessary and wasteful undertaking and that the power produced before that installation would have been quite enough to satisfy all needs?

Second Member of Council.—

I cannot say that.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is it not true that the cables imported for the V and VI Installations are still lying idle in the stores of the department and that the VII Installation was taken up more with a view to hide certain defects and irregularities connected with the previous two installations?

Dewan.—

That is not true.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is it not true that about 13 "governors" were purchased for the two previous installations and that they are still lying idle? Was it not possible to avoid an expenditure of about Rs. 50 lakhs on the VII Installation?

Dewan.—

The VII Installation was not unnecessary. It would not have been possible to supply power for the Mettur and the Tippagondanahalli Projects without this installation.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is there any assurance about the quantity of power that would be taken up by the Kolar Gold Fields?

Dewan.—

There is an agreement with the Companies.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

It is understood that 36,000 H.P. is not utilized. In how many years can the remaining power available be fully utilized?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a matter which depends upon the development of industries. At present, 39,000 H.P. is being actually utilized and 3,000 more would be required for the Bangalore water supply. In the meantime, some concerns may resign power and more mills may spring up. It is not possible to say, therefore, how many years it would take to utilize the entire power generated.

Mr. J. Mahomed Imam.—

Is it not possible to extend power supply to other districts than Bangalore, Mysore, Tumkur and Kolar?

Dewan.—

We will consider that question.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What is the cost of generating one unit?

Dewan.—

Notice please.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Could it be less than one pie?

Dewan.—

Notice.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Has any programme been prepared for extension of the power line to the Malnad?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no programme just at present. But certain schemes are under preparation to supply power to other cities and some more are under investigation.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

On what data are the places to which power should be supplied fixed?

Dewan.—

Places within the range of existing lines can be given power if they can pay for it.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Is Shimoga included in the programme?

Dewan.—

No.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

How much power is remaining unspent at present?

Dewan.—

I cannot say that definitely. It may be about 5,000 or 6,000 H.P.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

While the cost of generating one unit of power is not more than 1½ pies, the Government is charging 4 annas to the consumers. Are the Government aware that a larger number of house-owners will take connections if the charges are reduced?

Dewan.—

That question does not arise.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

Did not the Chief Electrical Engineer report that the cost of carrying power to Bhadravati from Sivasamudram will be much less than if power is generated at Gersoppa and supplied to that place?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

MESSRS. N. BASAPPA (Holalkere Taluk), G. MUDEGOWDAPPA and H. C. MAHADEVAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was the election of the present non-official Vice-President of the Chitaldrug Town Municipality approved by Government?

(*b*) Is it a fact that a large number of petty repairs, drainage works, etc., were undertaken after he took charge?

(*c*) Is it a fact that the Municipality purchased some street lamps recently and is it a fact that the lamps supplied were old ones only newly painted ?

(*d*) Is it true that the present President of the Municipality has taken up the investigation ?

(*e*) If so, what is the result ?

(*f*) Has any attempt been made to find out as to who is responsible for the misuse of public money ?

(*g*) Is it a fact that the Deputy Commissioner and Government have received petitions signed by a large number of persons in the matter ?

(*h*) If so, have any steps been taken to investigate the matter ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—6. (*a*) The election does not require the approval of Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (1) Yes.

(2) This is under enquiry.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) to (*h*) On a petition dated 27th July 1930, a report was called for and the report received from the Deputy Commissioner is under consideration of Government.